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EXAMINER - Brinich

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STATUS INQUIRY

BY - Ogino

SIRS:

On 3/22/05, we answered an OA which allowed most claims and in the response cancelled the remaining claims so that all the claims in the case were allowed. On 4/14/05, we received a "notice of non-compliant amendment" which was erroneous and which by telephone we worked out to the satisfaction of the PTO and ourselves in a conversation with Ms. Alexander (571-272-7018) on 4/19/05. Also, we spoke with Mr. Brinich on 4/20/05, wherein all the problems were resolved and continued allowance of the remaining claims was acknowledged.

As of today, 8/8/05, we still have not received the notice of allowance and issue fee due notice. Please check and issue same so that we can obtain the patent.

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I hereby certify that the correspondence upon which this notice is placed is being deposited with the US Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313, or to US Trademark Office, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202 on the date set forth below. MOONRAY KOJIMA, ATTORNEY

Date 8/8/05 (signed) *[Signature]*